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1. Because supply facilities of the Chinese Communist "Volunteer Army" have proven inadequate to meet the shipment of food and munitions to Korea and to provide medical care for the sick and wounded, the Communist Supreme Headquarters has ordered its Supply and Service Command to send more high-ranking officers to Mukden and to expand its supply facilities. [] the Supply and Service Command established a branch headquarters in Mukden.* This headquarters is commanded by YANG Li-san (楊立三), head of the Supply and Service Command, with HO Ch'eng (賀城), head of the Supply and Service Command of the Medical Department, as deputy.
2. The duties of the Mukden headquarters are:
 - a. To assure an adequate supply of food, munitions, and other essentials for the Korean front.
 - b. To assemble, organize, and allocate motor vehicles and drivers for the transportation of these supplies.
 - c. To conscript medical personnel.
 - d. To provide adequate hospital accommodations.
3. The Mukden headquarters will make all plans and allocate personnel and facilities to the Supply Service of the Communist "Volunteer Army", which will be responsible only for field operations within Korea. For example, if 500 or more motor vehicles are needed in Korea, the Mukden headquarters will requisition the vehicles and recruit the drivers. The vehicles will be brought to Mukden, where drivers will be assigned to them, and they will then be turned over to the Supply Service of the "Volunteer Army" at a predetermined area. Volunteer medical personnel for Korea will be assigned to units of the "Volunteer Army" by the Mukden headquarters.
4. Because inadequate medical facilities have lowered troop morale,** officials of the Political Department and of the Supply and Service Command of the Chinese Communist Army have decided to carry out the following:

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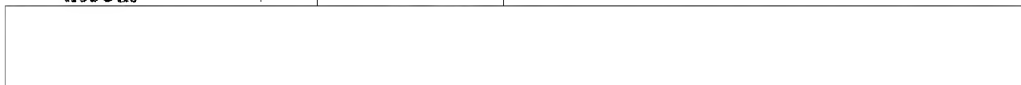
- a. To encourage residents of Manchuria in organizing volunteer stretcher-bearing units, and to require each hsien to recruit from 1,000 to 2,000 stretcher-bearers monthly.
- b. To order the Supply and Service Command to reorganize stretcher-bearing units in order that each combat unit at the front will be assigned from five to nine stretcher-bearing squads per regiment.
- c. To encourage the stretcher-bearers in evacuating the wounded safely by providing that those with satisfactory service may return permanently to their homes, and to require others to continue their work even if their period of service has expired.
- d. To give dependents of stretcher-bearers who continue in their work the same privileges accorded to dependents of armed forces personnel. Stretcher-bearers will be eligible to receive "points of merit."

* Comment. the Mukden office of the Supply and Service Command of the Chinese Communist Army held a meeting to discuss Chinese medical support to Korea.

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